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W. L. Garrison

My friend,

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Last August I failed to see you in Boston as you were absent. This was a disappointment, as I always enjoy meeting you, to talk of old and new things.

My home is in Detroit, and wife and myself are in decent health - feeling a little the infirmity of 50 or 60 years.

I am, a part of the time, speaking for Spiritualists and for reforms - finding among Spiritualists of the better class more scope for religious life and culture than anywhere else. I'm here for a week or so giving some parlor talks - which are very pleasant to me, and am stopping with J. C. Bundy, editor of the R. P. Journal (see heading of this sheet). He is a clear and sensible man, some 40 years old, with some means, and a good deal of earnest vigor and a wish to lift the spiritual movement up to a higher range. He is improving the Journal. Please see marked articles in

copies I send you, also notice an article
on "Materialism and Spiritualism - The
Irrepressible Conflict" which you will
get next week, and which touches the
question of to-day: viz, whether atheistic
materialism or a spiritual idea shall
rule. I have had an hour with Mr Swing
this morning - the gifted preacher who
speaks weekly to 2500 people in
McRichard's theatre - and he sees and
feels the importance of this question.

Now let me suggest to you, on my
own responsibility, that when you have
looked at these marked articles, and
especially the one next week, and a
letter of mine which will follow it the
week after - if you "feel moved" & to
do, you write a word to Mr Brady,
which he can publish in his Journal,
giving you views on his position and
efforts.

It would help and strengthen him
in a work which is needed, and
in which he should have backing.

Clean living (no "free love") clear reason
and common sense, no fraud, but support of
real mediums, and a high and pure spiritual

culture and religious growth, and -
 but not least - do compromise with
materialism - which all fair-minded
 materialists are well treated - as the
 leading ideas of the Journal. A goodly
 company of men and women are ready
 for them, and a word from you would
be widely welcomed and appreciated.

You see "the situation" and I leave
 the rest to you.

Am going to Stuttgart Mich
 to speak in their Free Church two
 Sundays on "Materialism or
 Spiritualism, which?" on temperance
 &c. &c. and reach home for Christmas.

I enjoy that work, but the financial
 result is so poor that I am constantly
 cramped and troubled by narrow
 means, and severe losses, in the past
 few years, have come to me. But, hope on
 and work on, is a good word. I wish we
 had a "Hovey fund" to draw from, but
 I do not even get, as yet, the legacy that
 my friend E. B. Ward left me - and it
 may fail.

Possibly I may come to Boston
 in March and if so, shall surely

aim for the pleasure of seeing you. I saw
one of your sons but I remember and am
glad to know they are in good health.

Last winter, in Washington for some
weeks. I had several pleasant visits with
Robert Currier and have met dear
Lucretia Mott. The glorious "old guard"
of Anti-Slavery days "Still live" here
and Beyond!

I saw and in Banner of Light and
and then which possibly you see.

Have completed a volume of "Poems
of the Life Beyond and Within" which
Colby & Rich publish. Have you seen it?

With earnest best wishes, and
heartfelt remembrances

Truly yr friend
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